

About the Furman Center

Since its founding in 1995, the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy has become a leading academic research center dedicated to providing objective academic and empirical research on the legal and public policy issues involving land use, real estate, housing, and urban affairs in the United States, with a particular focus on New York City. The Center is dedicated to the following three missions:

- **Providing objective academic and empirical research** on the legal and public policy issues involving land use, real estate, housing and urban affairs in the United States, with a particular focus on New York City;
- **Promoting frank and productive discussions** among elected and appointed officials, leaders of the real estate industry, leaders of non-profit housing and community development organizations, scholars, faculty and students about critical issues in land use, real estate and urban policy;
- **Presenting essential data and analysis** about the state of New York City's housing and neighborhoods to all those involved in land use, real estate development, community economic development, housing, urban economics, and urban policy. The Furman Center has created several innovative tools that help disseminate information on New York City's housing and neighborhoods to the public.

In February 2010, the Furman Center launched the Institute for Affordable Housing Policy to improve the effectiveness of affordable housing policies and programs, and increase the knowledge base of housing practitioners and policymakers. The Institute is not partisan or ideologically predictable. The Institute harnesses the incredible talent of the New York University community and the experts that make up the Furman Center to help affordable housing thought leaders arrive at effective solutions to housing issues that are based on research, data, and rigorous evaluation of innovative practices.

The Furman Center is a joint research center of the New York University School of Law and the New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The Center is named in honor of NYU Law alumnus Jay Furman, class of '71, who is a member of both the NYU School of Law Foundation Board of Trustees and the NYU Board of Trustees. Mr. Furman, an international real estate investor and developer, provided generous financial support to endow the Center, and is a constant source of support, ideas, and inspiration.

Vicki Been, the Boxer Family Professor of Law, is the Center's faculty director. Ingrid Gould Ellen, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Planning, is the co-director. The Center regularly collaborates with faculty from the Law School, the Wagner School, and NYU's Faculty of Arts and Sciences.



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